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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this day in 1995, Dr. Ogilvie delivered his first prayer as Senate chaplain; today he will lead us in prayer for the last time.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

O God, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, we will not fear! In the midst of these perilous times, we hear Your voice saying, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the Nations, I will be exalted in the earth." In response we affirm, "The Lord of hosts is with us; You are our help and hope."

From the Continental Congress through the formation of our Constitution to the establishment of the first Senate, our leaders have acknowledged You as Sovereign of this land and the source of all our blessings.

Lord I thank You for the privilege of serving as Chaplain of the men and women of this Senate. As You have called them to lead our Nation and the world, You have opened their minds and hearts to receive Your guidance and care. It is with profound gratitude that I reflect on these years with them. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TED STEVENS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

IN GRATITUDE TO CHAPLAIN LLOYD OGILVIE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, while reflecting on Dr. Ogilvie's tenure as Senate Chaplain, I came across a letter of his dated March 31, 1995. He was just 3 weeks on the job. You could already see his devotion not only to his official duties as Senate Chaplain, but his unofficial duties as the spiritual leader of the entire Senate family.

In that letter, he writes about the importance of interceding "personally" for Senators—for praying for Members, for our families, and for our staff. He says that he is just as close as a phone call and provides not only his work phone number, but his home phone number, as well. He asks that we keep him up-to-date about the needs of others in the Senate family. And he talks about building a "caring network of people who support each other."

Yes, this is a man who knew early on the Senate needs more than one prayer at the start of each day. We needed a lot of support from him, from God, and from each other. And that is exactly the kind of spiritual climate Lloyd Ogilvie fostered for 8 years as Senate Chaplain.

He conducted Bible studies—which Karyn and I and many in this Chamber regularly attended. He hosted weekly prayer breakfasts and small faith groups. He researched theological questions and advised us on the great moral issues of our times. And when he took time to offer his own private thoughts to God, he always forwarded our petitions with his.

He even filled in at the last minute when my office needed a third baseman on our Senate softball team. Now that is going above and beyond the call of duty.

Dr. Ogilvie consoled us during our darkest hours—September 11th, the October anthrax attacks, the loss of two Capitol Police officers and three Senate colleagues come to mind. But he was also there for us every day. To help

us cope with the stress of our jobs. To help us overcome struggles in our personal lives. And, most of all, to help us keep things in perspective by reminding us we serve the United States in our offices, but we serve God in our lives.

So I simply want to say thank you to Dr. Ogilvie, for his many prayers on our behalf, for the many hours he dedicated to his position, and for being there—as the spiritual leader of the Senate family—every day in the Chamber and every day in our lives.

And, lastly, I want to thank him for being such a wonderful and supportive friend. I wish him the best in California with Mary Jane. And though Karyn and I will miss them both dearly, we are certain we will hear from them because they will always be family. And there is nothing more precious to the Ogilvies—as they have demonstrated time and again—than family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, in a few moments the Senate will offer a resolution which honors a member of our Senate family who, as the majority leader noted, will be leaving us soon. Lloyd Ogilvie has the appreciation of every one of the Members of this body. I join in expressing my heartfelt appreciation to him and his family as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

A Senate chaplain was once asked: You pray for the Senate? He replied, no, I look at those Senators as I stand on the dais and I pray for the country.

For the last 8 years, Lloyd Ogilvie has done a lot of praying—for our Nation, for the Members of this Senate, and for our families, for our staffs, and all the people who work in this building, and for those who come to visit the Senate from all over the world. He has prayed for us and with us. For many of us, he has been a source of guidance and support. We are grateful to him for his wisdom, for his friendship, and for his service to this Senate and our Nation.

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The Senate has been through many challenges these last 8 years, as the majority leader has noted. During those challenges, many of us have found hope and direction in Dr. Ogilvie's words. He comforted us and led us through the deaths of three of our colleagues, our friends John Chafee, Paul Coverdell, and Paul Wellstone. He consoled us when two fine, brave members of the Capitol Police, officers J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, were murdered guarding this building. He helped us find courage and faith after our Nation was attacked on September 11, and again after the anthrax attack that closed the Hart Building. He has helped many of us grapple with the profound moral and spiritual questions that underscore all questions of public policy.

One lesson Dr. Ogilvie has always stressed is the importance of keeping our priorities straight. In his words: Put God first, then family, then Nation, then career, and things will turn out as they are meant to.

Now Dr. Ogilvie is living that lesson. He is putting his family ahead of his career and returning to California to be with and care for another treasured member of our Senate family, his wife Mary Jane. As much as we will miss him, we respect his decision greatly.

Everyone who knows Lloyd Ogilvie knows he has a special place in his heart for St. Andrew. That seems fitting for two reasons. The first and most obvious reason is that St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, and we all know how proud Dr. Ogilvie is of his family's roots in that beautiful country. The other reason is St. Andrew never got the attention he deserved. In the Bible, it was Andrew's brother, Peter, who got the headlines, even though it was Andrew who first recognized that Jesus was an extraordinary teacher. It was Andrew who told Peter to pay attention to Jesus' words.

Here in the Senate, it is Senators who get most of the headlines. But for many of us for the last 8 years it is Lloyd Ogilvie who has been there to remind us of the important lessons.

Our thanks and our prayers will go to Lloyd Ogilvie as he returns to California. We wish him and Mary Jane, their children, Andrew, Scott and Heather, and their grandchildren, much happiness in the days, months, and years ahead.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I know a vote was scheduled and many wish to speak, but I ask unanimous consent the vote may be delayed so I may speak at this time. I feel compelled to ask for that time so I may speak about our friend, Lloyd Ogilvie.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. The first time I heard Lloyd Ogilvie speak, it was in a prayer, and I remember looking up because I thought I had just heard what God's

voice must sound like. What a magnificent voice he has. What a magnificent prayer he always prayed. But as Benjamin Franklin said:

Well done is better than well said.

In spite of the magnificent messages he has delivered on this floor, his prayers, and our private counsel sessions with him, what he has done has been even more valuable; the way he has come to us all in times of great celebration and times of stress and times of despair. In the good times and the bad times he has been there for me and for many of us—all of us, at one time or another. In spite of all the good things he said, what he has done will be what will stay with us the longest.

Each morning I get up, the first thing I read is "One Quiet Moment," a passage from the Bible and a brief prayer that Lloyd Ogilvie prepared for all of us. It begins my days in the right way. Many nights, just before I go to sleep, I pray for Lloyd and Mary Jane, I pray for their safety, and for their future.

He has been a magnificent influence on this body and on me personally.

This morning I looked up the definition of "chaplain," and it is not enough to describe what he did. He wasn't just a person who was a counselor to this institution and our whole family. I looked up "pastor"—maybe that was the right word. That wasn't sufficient either because he was more than just a pastor to a flock in a narrow area.

No, he has been a spiritual counselor in the broadest sense. The Bible says, in Proverbs:

Where there is no vision the people perish.

That, of course, refers to the way we really should think about the vision. I think it is true for a country, a country that seeks democracy and freedom and liberty. But it also is true in the broader sense. Lloyd has given us a vision of what life is really about. Thank you, Lloyd John Ogilvie. Well done—ay.

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF DR. LLOYD J. OGILVIE, THE CHAPLAIN OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. I send a resolution to the desk and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (Res. 83) commending the service of Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, the Chaplain of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we had the opportunity this morning to hear the last prayer of our Senate Chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie, a man who has touched each of our lives in a different and very special way. All of us in here

have reached an age where if we took a few moments and tried to list the people outside of our immediate families who really had an impact on us, it would probably be a pretty short list, if we were candid with ourselves.

I have been doing a bit of that the last couple of days, thinking about Lloyd, his contribution here, and the fact he is now going home to take up the challenge of providing care for his wonderful wife Mary Jane.

I have decided my list would be very short, indeed, outside of my immediate family. On that list would, indeed, be Lloyd Ogilvie, who has had a powerful impact on my life. I will never, ever forget him.

We all love him and we care for him. Even though we will not see him as much in the coming years, I hope each of us for whom he has made such a difference will make an extra effort to stay in touch with our dear friend in the coming years.

So, Lloyd Ogilvie, thanks for all you did for all of us. Good luck in the future. Thanks for making a difference.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I join the distinguished Senator from Kentucky in saying a word about the Chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie.

I am a new Senator, as is the Presiding Officer, and there have been a great many wonderful things about coming to the Senate. But nothing has surpassed the privilege of getting to know Lloyd Ogilvie in these first couple of months. I have watched him and listened, and I have learned from him. I have been comforted by him. I am deeply grateful for that.

This month in Billy Graham's publication, "Decision," Lloyd Ogilvie's picture is on the front, and there is an interview with him about his 8 years in the Senate. It is a clue about why he has been such an inspiration to so many Senators. The questioner notes:

A current Senator remarked that your prayers often "make reference to specific turmoil" in the Senate.

The questioner goes on:

I understand that sometimes following your opening prayer you sit through the Senate sessions.

And Lloyd's answer was:

The task of any spiritual leader is to listen. You can't minister to individuals or to a group unless you know what is going on. That is the reason that I have to be there.

Lloyd Ogilvie has been a counselor. He is a minister. He is a listener—maybe a listener above all. I have found in my conversations with him that I suspect he knows more about the Senate than any other individual because he knows the hearts of the Senators.

So I rise to thank him, to wish him the very best with his wife Mary Jane, and to let him know that one more Senator has been touched by his presence here in a very short period of time.